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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
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From: Edward R. Venable, Manager of Engineering and Stormwater
Subject: Agenda Item – Adopting Preliminary Assessment Rolls and Setting Public Hearings for Confirmation of Assessment Rolls

Curb, Gutter and Paving, Water and Sewer Laterals on Swansea Street from Sherbon Drive to the North Property Line of Tax Map 254-2-1; and

Curb, Gutter and Paving, Water and Sewer Laterals, Water Main and Sewer Main on Southpark Drive from the North Property Line of PIN #0718-02-67-9878 to the South Property Line of PIN #0718-02-67-9470.

Executive Summary

The City Council previously adopted resolutions ordering the making of the subject improvements, which have now been completed. The preliminary assessment rolls have been prepared in accordance with Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham. The next step is for City Council to adopt a resolution adopting each preliminary assessment roll and setting a public hearing on each preliminary assessment roll.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that City Council adopt a resolution adopting the preliminary assessment roll and setting a public hearing for confirmation of each of the subject assessment rolls.

Background:

The subject improvements were ordered by adoption of resolutions by City Council in accordance with Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham, which provides for assessment of abutting properties. The improvements have now been completed and a preliminary assessment roll has been prepared for each improvement. The next step in the assessment process is for City Council to adopt the preliminary assessment rolls and to set a public hearing for confirmation of each of the assessment rolls.

Issues and Analysis:

Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham dictates that City Council shall ascertain the total cost of each improvement and the amount that should be assessed against each lot abutting on the improvement and set a fixed time and place to hear objections to special assessments.

Alternatives:

There is not an alternative per the City Charter.

Financial Impacts:

Adopting the preliminary assessment rolls and setting the public hearings for the confirmation of the subject assessment rolls is a necessary step in the process of assessing abutting properties and collecting payment for these improvements.

SBDE Summary:

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